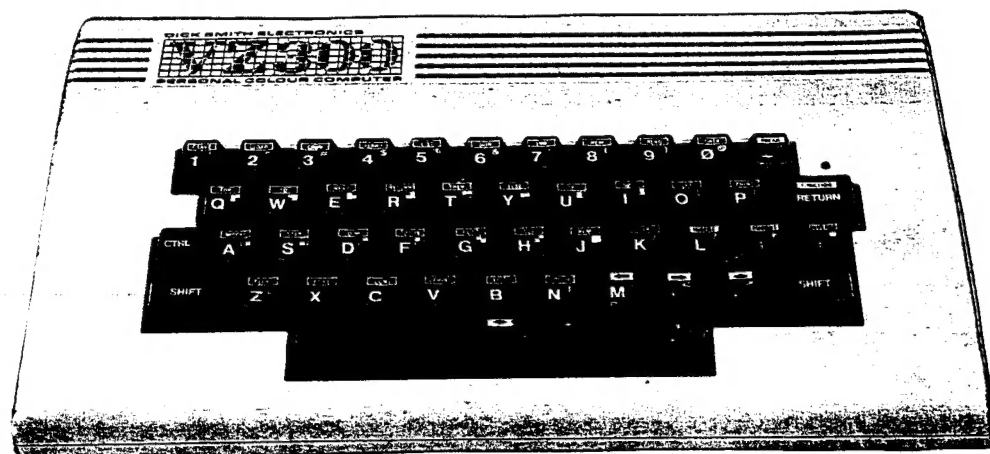


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## PROGRAMMING TIPS by Joe LEON :-

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Did you want an INPUT@ command ?, now you can plus some other useful tips you can use in your own programs.

## HI-RES DRAWING ROUTINES by Don ISLES :-

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Even though it appears just a simple house there are advanced maths involved. A lot could be learned by studying the routines.

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## 8K BUILT IN BATTERY RAM by Joe LEON

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This 8K BIB Ram is even more useful than the 2K Version. It's ideal for experimenting with your Basic and or Dos Rom/s.

## BASE CONVERTER by Dave MITCHELL :-

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If converting DEC to HEX to BINARY to LO-BYTE HI-BYTE leaves you a bit confused then this little utility makes it easy for you as it takes the confusion out.

## VZ MODS INFORMATION by Ross WOODS :-

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We had quite a lot of enquiries over the last couple of months which took us a while to answer. We apologise to our enquirers as some of them had to wait some time for a reply. Two of the answers are reproduced.

## VZ TOKENS AND WORDS by Robert QUINN :-

Pages 11-13

At long last all the ADDRESSES for WORDS, TOKENS and ROUTINES are there for your perusal. The DISK WORDS were dealt with in last issue.

Like some of you I was confused by the program WORDS as some single character words were displayed as graphic characters when I was expecting the inverse of it. I'm confused no more as R.Quinn supplied the answer, see Pages 12-13.

## GALAXON GAME REVIEW by Peter J. HILL (NZ) :-

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This game scores tops with Peter and he does a marvelous job reviewing it.

## AEM4505 TONE CONTROL by Dave BOYCE :-

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Anyone looking to enhance their Speech Synth. will find it hard to go past this unit. The programs will be in next issue.

## DOT MATRIX PRINTERS by Larry TAYLOR :-

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Larry takes some of the confusion out and I learned some things about my printer which was't in the manual. Well worth the reading.

## ADS, ADS, AND SOME MORE ADS :-

Pages 19-20

Our advertising is increasing with a couple new ads. Read all about it.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT :-

My son (17) takes great delight in telling everybody that he taught his Dad all he knows about computers. I wish it was't half true. Anyone like to adopt him as he'll be up for adoption soon.

CONGRATULATIONS JEANETTE AND DAVE  
MITCHELL ON YOUR NEW ARRIVAL BABY  
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10 '*****
20 '* HINTS AND TIPS FOR PSEUDO INPUT, SIMPLE TIME DELAY NOT *
30 '* USING A LOOP AND USING THE ELSE STATEMENT - BY JOE LEON *
40 '*****
50 :
60 CLS:GOSUB100:GOTO10
100 CLS:PRINT@249,"Y";:PRINT@230,,:INPUT"ARE YOU SURE Y/N ";A$
120 IFA$="N"THEN900ELSEIFA$="Y"THEN800ELSE100
800 PRINT@360,"YOU PRESSED 'Y':SOUND30,1;20,1;0,5:RETURN
900 PRINT@360,"YOU PRESSED 'N':SOUND30,1;20,1;0,5:RETURN

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Most persons with a computer can learn some programming techniques just by studying someone else's programs. It's how I learned and am still learning. And now to the hints.

#### INPUT@ :-

The VZ does not have this command, but it is easy to simulate.

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100 PRINT@230,,:INPUT"ARE YOU SURE Y/N ";A$
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The trick is to put a 'PRINT@230,,: ' before your INPUT statement.

#### FLASHING CURSOR OVER Y OR N :-

If you typed in the little program and RUN it you will notice that the CURSOR is flashing over the 'Y'. Again it's simple to achieve. The tip is to PRINT the 'Y' before the INPUT command. Study Line 100 on how it's done.

#### TIME DELAY :-

Although the VZ has a wiped out TIMES\$ command, but unfortunately no processing routine for it. So instead of using a loop there is another way. EG :- SOUND0,5. By using a '0' for the first SOUND parameter we have a simple time delay. See Lines 800 and 900 for examples. The second SOUND parameter can be from 1 to 9, with 1 giving shortest delay, 9 the longest.

#### Using the ELSE Statement :-

By using ELSE in Line 120 we have compacted to one line what normally would take two or three. EG :-

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120 IFA$="N"THEN900ELSEIFA$="Y"THEN800ELSE100

120 IF A$="N" THEN 900
130 IF A$="Y" THEN 800
140 GOTO 100

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As you can see by using ELSE we eliminated two Lines, saved memory space and the program will RUN faster. The program as it is will not accept any INPUT except for a 'Y' or 'N'. Lines 100 and 120 are heart of routine while the other lines demonstrate routines action.

#### The COLON (:)

As you may have noticed the colon is by itself in line 50. It can serve two functions used that way.

- 1) To reserve Line/s for future use.
- 2) To use as a divider between routines in your programs. See the HI-RES house LISTING in this issue for a perfect example. A "" (Short form REM) could also be used, but it takes three bytes as against one for the COLON.

## PROGRAMME EXPLANATION OF HI-RES DRAWING ROUTINES

Lines 20 to 80 describe the programme and gives the choice of gable or round roof on the house.

Line 80 sets the value of 'R' at '0' for gable roof or '1' for round roof.

Line 100 sets graphic mode.

Lines 110 to 170 establishes background colour.

Lines 200 to 250 draws path.

Line 220 causes the path to slant to the left.

Lines 255 to 290 draws front wall of house.

Line 295 sets colour of roof.

Line 300 selects roof shape.

Lines 305 to 330 draws gable roof.

Lines 340 to 375 draws a round roof using the trigonometrical functions of sine (SIN) and cosine (COS). As the trig. functions in the VZ are in radians the angle value must be divided by 57.2957 in Line 345 prior to applying the function.

Lines 380 to 490 draws the fence.

Lines 500 to 600 draws the door.

Lines 610 to 820 draws the windows.

lines 860 to 950 draws th trees.

Line 1000 keeps the VZ in graphics mode by providing an endless loop to prevent the VZ returning to text mode.

Line 2000 provides an option for disk drive owners to save the Hi-Res picture of the house to disk. Just put a REM in front of GOTO in Line 1000.

NOTE :- As the program consists of quite a few subroutines you could type in line 1000 after line 180 was typed in. Then you could RUN the program to see what the first subroutine does and do the same for each subsequent subroutine. It may help you to understand how SET(X/Y) works.





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2 *****
4 '* HI-RES DRAWING ROUTINES FOR GABLE OR ROUND ROOF HOUSE *
6 '* BY DON ISLES - MEMBER OF HUNTER VALLEY VZ USERS' GROUP *
8 *****
10 :
20 CLS:PRINT:PRINT" THIS PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO"
30 PRINT" DRAW A HOUSE, FENCE AND TREES.
40 PRINT" YOU HAVE CHOICE OF ROOF SHAPE, GABLE OR ROUND.
50 PRINT:PRINT
60 PRINT" PRESS RETURN FOR GABLE ROOF"
70 PRINT:PRINT" OR":PRINT
80 INPUT" PRESS ENTER THEN RETURN FOR ROUND ROOF ";R
90 :
95 ' "DRAW BACKGROUND
100 MODE(1)
110 COLOR 3
120 FOR Y=0 TO 60
130 IF Y=17 THEN COLOR 2
140 IF Y=57 THEN COLOR 4
150 FOR X=0 TO 120
160 SET(X,Y)
170 NEXT X:NEXT Y
180 :
195 REM' "DRAW PATH
200 B=40:C=5
210 FOR Y=47 TO 56
220 B=B+1:C=C+.15
230 FOR X=B TO B+C
240 SET(X,Y)
250 NEXT X:NEXT Y
251 :
252 REM' "DRAW WALL
255 COLOR 3
260 FOR Y=46 TO 25 STEP -1
270 FOR X=20 TO 65
280 SET(X,Y)
290 NEXT X:NEXT Y
291 :
292 REM' "DRAW ROOF
295 COLOR 4
300 IF R=1 THEN 340
305 B=16:C=69
310 FOR Y=24 TO 12 STEP -1
315 B=B+2:C=C-2
320 FOR X=B TO C
325 SET(X,Y)
330 NEXT X:NEXT Y
335 GOTO 379
340 FOR M=20 TO 90 STEP 2
345 N=M/57.2957
350 L=COS(N)*27
355 Y=SIN(N)*14
360 FOR X=0 TO L
365 SET(42+X,29-Y)
370 SET(43-X,29-Y)
375 NEXT X:NEXT M
377 :
379 REM' "DRAW FENCE
380 COLOR 1:FOR Y=51 TO 54 STEP 3
385 FOR X=0 TO 44
390 SET(X,Y)
395 NEXT X:NEXT Y
400 FOR Y=51 TO 54 STEP 3
410 FOR X=61 TO 120
420 SET(X,Y)
430 NEXT X:NEXT Y
440 FOR X=0 TO 45 STEP 5
450 FOR Y=49 TO 56
460 SET(X,Y)
470 NEXT Y:NEXT X
475 FOR X=60 TO 120 STEP 5
480 FOR Y=49 TO 56
485 SET(X,Y)
490 NEXT Y:NEXT X
495 :
499 REM' "DRAW DOOR
500 FOR Y=46 TO 37 STEP -1
510 FOR X=40 TO 45
520 SET(X,Y)
530 NEXT X:NEXT Y
535 COLOR 4
540 FOR X=39 TO 46 STEP 7
550 FOR Y=46 TO 37 STEP -1
560 SET(X,Y)
570 NEXT Y:NEXT X
580 FOR X=39 TO 46
590 SET(X,36)
595 NEXT X
600 SET(41,41)
602 :
605 ' "DRAW WINDOWS
610 COLOR 2
620 FOR Y=31 TO 39
630 FOR X=26 TO 30
640 SET(X,Y)
650 SET(X+29,Y)
660 NEXT X:NEXT Y
690 COLOR 4
700 FOR Y=30 TO 40 STEP 5
710 FOR X=26 TO 30
720 SET(X,Y)
730 SET(X+29,Y)
740 NEXT X:NEXT Y
780 FOR X=25 TO 31 STEP 6
790 FOR Y=30 TO 40
800 SET(X,Y)
810 SET(X+29,Y)
820 NEXT Y:NEXT X

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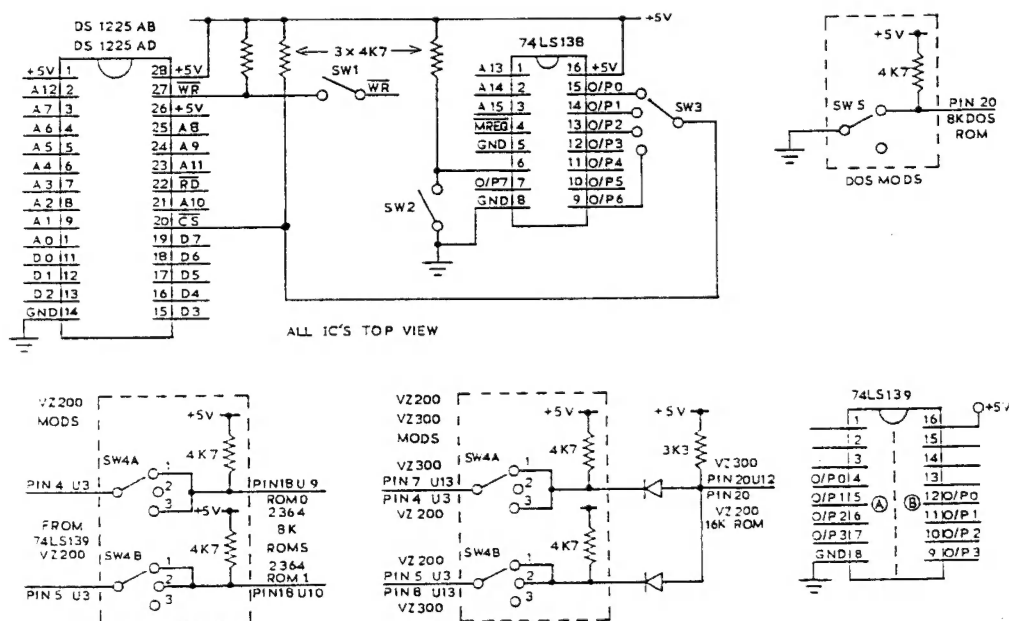
850 REM "*****"
860 FOR Y=41 TO 34 STEP -1
870 SET(80,Y)
875 SET(107,Y)
880 NEXT Y
890 COLOR 1
900 B=69:C=91
905 FOR Y=33 TO 12 STEP -1
910 B=B+.5:C=C-.5
920 FOR X= B TO C
930 SET(X,Y)
940 SET(X+27,Y)
950 NEXT X:NEXT Y
1000 GOTO 1000
2000 BSAVE"HOUSE",7000,77FF

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## 8K BUILT IN BATT. RAM BY JOE LEON



The 2K ZERO Power Ram featured in issue #12 has it's uses. It fills up the 2K gap nicely left by the DOS. One of it's limitations is the small memory size available. This article deals with an 8K version. Like the 2K one the 8K Ram also has Built In LITHIUM Batteries and will be referred to as 8K BIB (Built In Batteries) Ram. Data retention in the absence of power is over 10 years after which it behaves like a normal CMOS Ram.

Non Disk Drive owners will most likely put the 2 Rams in the 10K Cart. area. Although the 8K BIB Ram can be used there it can be put to more productive work.

This 8K BIB Ram will prove to be most useful in activating all the hidden commands/functions in the Basic Roms or enhancing the DOS. Imagine being able to change at will any command or routine or replace them with your own. The Basic and DOS Roms are full of bugs which persons who know how will be able to fix.

Before proceeding with the article I would like to point out that you'll need the Technical Reference Manual for reference and trouble shooting. And now to the project. There are five circuits although two are very similiar and we'll deal with each one in turn.

#### 8K BIB RAM CIRCUIT :-

The 74LS138 is configured to decode in 8K blocks. Using SW3 (Switch 3) you can place the 8K BIB Ram in the following memory locations. 0000H-1FFFH (Rom 0), 2000H-3FFFH (Rom 1), 4000H-5FFFH (Dos Rom) and at C000H-DFFFH.

If you have a VZ200 then you may have to select a lower O/P than O/P 6. the idea of having the 8K BIB Ram at higher memory is to be able to transfer the contents of one of the 3 lower 8K blocks for modification. Then when it's done, switch out one of the 8K blocks and switch in the 8K BIB Ram in it's place for testing.

Switch 1 is the WRITE ENABLE/DISABLE Switch. Close to WRITE, Open to WRITE PROTECT.

Switch 2 is optional. It allows you to disable the 8K BIB Ram. Close to disable, Open to enable.

#### VZ200 MODS CIRCUIT :-

MOST VZ200's have 2X8K Basic Roms. These will have to be disabled or enabled in turn as shown in the diagram. For both Roms the CS (Chip Select) line must be cut and the circuit within the broken line box inserted. Switch 4 is Double Pole Triple Throw type.

Switch position 1 - Rom 0 and Rom 1 are enabled.

Switch position 2 - Rom 0 is disabled and Rom 1 is still enabled.

Switch position 3 - Rom 0 is re-enabled while Rom 1 is disabled.

NOTE :- Any switching must be done with the power off except for Switch 1 which can be used any time.

## VZ 200/300 MODS :-

This circuit is for VZ 200/300 with 16K Roms. The decoder (U3-74LS139) in VZ200 and (U13) in VZ300 send out Rom 0 and Rom 1 CS signals. They are ANDed together by the DIODE AND GATE which is fed into the CS input pin of the 16K Rom. The same switch arrangement as with the previous mod. applies. No tracks have to be cut as it is easier to unsolder one end of the DIODE and make your connections to that end making sure it is the correct end. In the vacated hole from the DIODE you can put in the switch lead.

## DOS MOD :-

This is even simpler to achieve. Cut the track between pin 20 of the 8K Rom and Ground and insert Resistor and Switch as shown in the circuit.

## U3 - 74LS139 VZ200 DECODER :-

Unlike the 74LS138 this is a Dual Decoder. I labelled each half 'A' and 'B' respectively. Side 'A' is configured to decode in 8K blocks while side 'B' decodes in 2K blocks.

Before proceeding further a bit of an explanation on decoding and CS (Chip Select) about which I had some enquiries. I'll use the 74LS138 as an example.

The INPUTS decide what size blocks it will decode in. Starting with O/P 0 to O/P 7 each O/P goes to zero volts in turn activating each Ram/Rom the O/P's are connected to. Only one Ram/Rom can be active at any one time. The CS select pin has to be taken to zero volts to activate the particular Ram/Rom. So inversely if we want to deactivate a Ram/Rom we can use a pull up resistor to +5V as shown in the circuits.

In the tables below the addresses are given for each decoded block for both the 74LS138 and 74LS139 decoders.

74LS138 decoder	74LS139 decoder
O/P 0 - 0000H-1FFFFH (ROM 1)	O/P 0 - 0000H-1FFFFH (ROM 1)
O/P 1 - 2000H-3FFFFH (ROM 2)	O/P 1 - 2000H-3FFFFH (ROM 2)
O/P 2 - 4000H-5FFFFH (DOS ROM)	O/P 2 - 4000H-5FFFFH (DOS ROM)
O/P 3 - 6000H-7FFFFH	O/P 3 - 6000H-7FFFFH - Side A ↑
O/P 4 - 8000H-9FFFFH	O/P 0 - 6000H-67FFH - Side B
O/P 5 - A000H-BFFFFH	O/P 1 - 6800H-6FFFFH - Side B
O/P 6 - C000H-DFFFFH	O/P 2 - 7000H-77FFH - Side B
O/P 7 - E000H-FFFFFFH	O/P 3 - 7800H-7FFFFH - Side B

The 74LS139 in the VZ200 has two unused outputs of particular interest to us.

O/P 1 - Pin 6, side A - 4000H-5FFFFH (8K Block)  
O/P 2 - Pin 12, side B - 6000H-67FFH (2K Block)

You'll notice that's the 10K Cartidge area. I used the 2K decoded O/P for the 2K Zero Power Ram as described in last issue which saved me building a decoder. I'm lazy, if it's already there I'll use. Why reinvent the wheel. Happy hacking.

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0 *****
2 * CONVERT DEC TO HEX TO BINARY TO LO-BYTE AND HI-BYTE *
4 * MODIFIED AND ENHANCED FOR THE VZ BY DAVE MITCHELL *
6 *****
8 :
10 POKE30862,0:POKE30863,114:POKE29184,243:POKE29185,201
20 POKE30777,1:Z$="
30 CLS:PRINT" THIS UTILITY WILL DISPLAY THE EQUIVALENT";
40 PRINT" VALUES OF DECIMAL, HEX AND BINARY ON THE SCREEN"
50 PRINT" AND TO THE PRINTER."
60 PRINT@164,"[2] ENTER DECIMAL VALUE"
70 PRINT@228,"[2] ENTER BINARY VALUE"
80 PRINT@292,"[2] ENTER HEX VALUE"
90 PRINT@356,"[2] ENTER L.S.B. & M.S.B."
100 PRINT@420,"[2] ENTER L.S.B. & M.S.B."
110 AA$=INKEY$:A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN110
120 SOUND30,1
130 IFA$="A"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB230:GOTO110
140 IFA$="B"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB240:GOTO110
150 IFA$="C"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB250:GOTO110
160 IFA$="D"THENGOSUB180:GOSUB720
170 GOTO110
180 PRINT@0,Z$:PRINT@32,Z$:PRINT@64,Z$:PRINT@96,Z$
190 PRINT@0,"DECIMAL =":PRINT@32,"HEX ="
200 PRINT@64,"BINARY =":PRINT@96,"L.S.B ="
210 PRINT@113,"M.S.B. =":RETURN
220 PRINT@448,Z$:RETURN
230 GOSUB410:GOSUB540:GOSUB260:RETURN
240 GOSUB470:GOSUB540:GOSUB260:RETURN
250 GOSUB620:GOSUB420:GOSUB260:RETURN
260 PRINT@480,"PRINT OUT [2]";
270 AA$=INKEY$:A$=INKEY$:IFA$<>"Y"ANDA$<>"N"THEN270
280 SOUND30,1
290 PRINT@480," ";
300 IFA$="N"THEN400
310 IFC<=32767THEN330
320 LPRINT"DECIMAL VALUE ="C;" ( ";INT(C-65536);")":GOTO340
330 LPRINT"DECIMAL VALUE ="C
340 LPRINT" HEX VALUE = ";H1$
350 LPRINT" BINARY VALUE = ";C$
360 LPRINT"LEAST SIGNIFICANT BIT=";E2
370 LPRINT"MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT =";E1
380 REM LINE 309 LPRINTSTRING$(20,46)
390 LPRINTSTRING$(20,46)
400 C$="":H1$="":RETURN
410 B$="":PRINT@448,"ENTER DECIMAL VALUE";:INPUTD:C=D:GOSUB220
420 X=USR(0):B=D/2:D=INT(B):IFB=DTHENB$="0"+B$ELSEB$="1"+B$
430 IFD>0THEN420ELSEPRINT@74,B$
440 C$=B$:B$=""
450 PRINT@9,C:IFC<=32767THENRETURN
460 PRINT@20,CHR$(104);" ";C-65536:CHR$(105):RETURN
470 D=0:PRINT@448,"ENTER BINARY ";:INPUTB$:C$=B$:GOSUB220
480 X=USR(0)
490 FORI=LEN(B$)TO1STEP-1:IFMID$(B$,I,1)="1"THEND=D+2^(LEN(B$)-I)
500 NEXT:PRINT@74,C$
510 IFD<=32767THEN530
520 PRINT@20,CHR$(104);" ";INT(D-65536):CHR$(105)
530 PRINT@9,D:C=D:D=0:B$="":I=0:RETURN
540 X=USR(0):AD=C
550 B=INT(AD/256):E1=INT(B):GOSUB580:H$=B$
560 B=AD-(256*B):E2=INT(B):GOSUB580:H$=H$+B$
570 PRINT@42,H$:H1$=H$:PRINT@105,E2:PRINT@121,E1:RETURN

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580 H=INT(B/16):L=B-(H*16):B$=""
590 D=H:GOSUB600:D=L:GOSUB600:RETURN
600 IFD>9THENB$=B$+CHR$(55+D)ELSEB$=B$+CHR$(48+D)
610 RETURN
620 PRINT@448,"ENTER HEX EG. 0000 ";;INPUTH$:H1$=H$:GOSUB220
630 X=USR(0):H$=RIGHT$(H$,4)
640 HH$=LEFT$(H$,2):GOSUB680:E=H*256:E1=H
650 HH$=RIGHT$(H$,2):GOSUB680:E=E+H:E2=H
660 PRINT@42,H1$:D=E:C=E:B$="":PRINT@105,E2:PRINT@121,E1
670 RETURN
680 H=0:A$=LEFT$(HH$,1):GOSUB700:H=D*16
690 A$=RIGHT$(HH$,1):GOSUB700:H=H+D:RETURN
700 D=ASC(A$):IFD<58THEND=D-48ELSE D=D-55
710 RETURN
720 B$="":PRINT@448,"ENTER LSB.";;INPUTS:GOSUB220
730 PRINT@448,"ENTER MSB.";;INPUTM:GOSUB220:X=USR(0)
740 D=S+256*M:C=D:S=0:M=0:GOSUB420:GOSUB540:GOSUB260:RETURN

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## VZ MODS INFORMATION BY ROSS WOODS

### MODIFYING VZ 200 / 300 16 K RAM EXPANSION

Use of the VZ200 RAM PACK will give only 6K EXTRA to the VZ 300 COMPUTER. To get the FULL 16K with VZ300 we refer you to an article by STEVE OLNEY in ETI, FEBRUARY 1986, (Page 71-74). The modification involves "PIGGYBACKING" of an extra IC, a (74LS00) and cutting of ONE PCB TRACK. (It is possible to fit a SWITCH SO THAT IT CAN BE USED WITH BOTH VZ 200 / 300 COMPUTERS).

On the other hand you may want to use a VZ300 RAM PACK with a VZ200 COMPUTER, the details of this modification is normally supplied together with the instructions for the RAM PACK from DICK SMITH ELECTRONICS. It involves moving LINKS on the PCB. (It may be possible to fit a SWITCH SO THAT IT COULD BE USED WITH BOTH VZ 200 / 300 COMPUTERS).

### INCREASING VZ 200 / 300 INTERNAL MEMORY

#### SUPER II VZ200 MODIFICATION - ETI PROJECT 687

The SUPER II 34K MEMORY BOARD REPLACES THE VZ 200 INTERNAL 6K MEMORY BOARD. The new Top of MEMORY now is 'FFFF'. This Project was PUBLISHED in ETI JULY 1986, Pages 55-60 by MATTHEW SORREL. It uses 4 x 8K & 1 x 2K MEMORY chips on a PCB REPLACING THE VZ200 INTERNAL 6K MEMORY PCB.

FOR those who have a VZ 300 and require FULL EXPANSION to Top of MEMORY 'FFFF' there was an article in ISSUE Number 3, Page 12-13 by Dave Boyce in the Hunter Valley VZ Users' Group Newsletter (Now known as HUNTER VALLEY VZ JOURNAL).

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# VZ TOKENS AND WORDS BY R. QUINN 11

Most of the VZ's BASIC words that were never enabled in the VZ have dedicated processing routines in ROM. Each of these words is listed along with its token code, its start address in the WORD TABLE, and the start address for the routine that processes it. The routine addresses are listed in decimal, then in LO HI format (where address = LO+HI \*256) and in hex.

NOTE :- Continued on next page . . .

TOKEN ADD.	TOKEN	WORD	ROUTINE DEC	LO	HI	HEX	TOKEN ADD.	TOKEN	WORD	ROUTINE DEC	LO	HI	HEX
5712	128	END	7598	174	29	1DAE	5983	192	VARPTR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5715	129	FOR	7329	161	28	1CA1	5989	193	USR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5718	130	RESET	312	56	1	0138	5992	194	ERL	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5723	131	SET	309	53	1	0135	5995	195	ERR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5726	132	CLS	457	201	1	01C9	5998	196	STRING#	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5732	134	RANDOM	467	211	1	01D3	6010	198	POINT	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5738	135	NEXT	8886	182	34	22B6	6020	200	MEM	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5742	136	DATA	7941	5	31	1F05	6023	201	INKEY#	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5746	137	INPUT	8602	154	33	219A	6029	202	THEN	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5751	138	DIM	9736	8	38	2608	6033	203	NOT	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5754	139	READ	8687	239	33	21EF	6036	204	STEP	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5758	140	LET	7969	33	31	1F21	6040	205	+	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5761	141	GOTO	7874	194	30	1EC2	6041	206	+	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5765	142	RUN	7843	163	30	1EA3	6042	207	*	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5768	143	IF	8249	57	32	2039	6043	208	/	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5770	144	RESTORE	7569	145	29	1D91	6044	209	^	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5777	145	GOSUB	7857	177	30	1EB1	6045	210	AND	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5782	146	RETURN	7902	222	30	1EDE	6048	211	OR	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5788	147	REM	7943	7	31	1F07	6050	212	>	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5791	148	STOP	7953	169	29	1DA9	6051	213	=	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5795	149	ELSE	7943	7	31	1F07	6052	214	<	NO	ADDRESS	LIST	
5799	150	COPY	14610	18	57	3912	6053	215	SGN	2442	138	9	098A
5803	151	COLOR	14493	157	56	389D	6056	216	INT	2871	55	11	0B37
5808	152	VERIFY	14136	56	55	3738	6059	217	ABS	2423	119	9	0997
5814	153	DEFINT	7683	3	30	1E03	6062	218	FRE	10196	212	39	2704
5820	154	DEFSNG	7686	6	30	1E06	6065	219	INP	10991	239	42	2AEF
5826	155	DEFDBL	7689	9	30	1E09	6068	220	POS	10229	245	39	27F5
5832	156	CRUN	14126	46	55	372E	6071	221	SQR	5095	231	19	13E7
5836	157	MODE	11875	99	46	2E63	6074	222	RND	5321	201	20	14C9
5840	158	SOUND	11253	245	43	2BF5	6077	223	LOG	2057	9	8	0809
5845	159	RESUME	8111	175	31	1FAF	6080	224	EXP	5177	57	20	1439
5851	160	OUT	11003	251	42	2AFB	6083	225	COS	5441	65	21	1541
5854	161	ON	8044	108	31	1F6C	6086	226	SIN	5447	71	21	1547
5911	175	LPRINT	8295	103	32	2067	6089	227	TAN	5544	168	21	15A8
5920	177	POKE	11441	177	44	2CB1	6092	228	ATN	5565	189	21	15BD
5924	178	PRINT	8303	111	32	206F	6095	229	PEEK	11434	170	44	2CAA
5929	179	CONT	7652	228	29	1DE4	6129	239	CINT	2687	127	10	0A7F
5933	180	LIST	11054	46	43	2B2E	6133	240	CSNG	2737	177	10	0AB1
5937	181	LLIST	11049	41	43	2B29	6137	241	CDBL	2779	219	10	0ADB
5942	182	DELETE	11206	198	43	2BC6	6141	242	FIX	2854	38	11	0B26
5948	183	AUTO	8200	8	32	2008	6144	243	LEN	10755	3	42	2A03
5952	184	CLEAR	7802	122	30	1E7A	6147	244	STR#	10294	54	40	2836
5957	185	CLOAD	13910	86	54	3656	6151	245	VAL	10949	197	42	2AC5
5962	186	CSAVE	13481	169	52	34A9	6154	246	ASC	10767	15	42	2A0F
5967	187	NEW	6985	73	27	1B49	6157	247	CHR#	10783	31	42	2A1F
5970	188	TAB(	NO	ADDRESS	LIST		6161	248	LEFT#	10849	97	42	2A61
5974	189	TO	NO	ADDRESS	LIST		6166	249	RIGHT#	10897	145	42	2A91
5978	191	USING	NO	ADDRESS	LIST		6172	250	MID#	10906	154	42	2A9A

The WORD TABLE divides into three parts.

Words from END (token 128) to NEW (token 187) are all words that must begin a BASIC statement if they are used at all. Some (such as END, CLS, NEW, STOP) must stand alone as the entire BASIC statement. Others (NEXT, PRINT, RUN, etc.) may stand alone as an entire statement or be the primary word of an extended statement. Each of these words has a two byte pointer in the POINTER TABLE that follows the WORD TABLE. The pointer contains the address (in LO HI format) of the routine that executes the word (don't worry, its quite official--our VZ is no murderer).

Words from SGN (token 215) to MID\$ (token 250) are all words that cannot occur at the start of a BASIC statement. Each has a pointer in the POINTER TABLE which precedes the WORD TABLE, where again the pointer addresses a processing routine (execute!) for that word.

Words from TAB( (token 188) to < (token 214) do not have pointers in either of the POINTER TABLES. They are executed by the primary words of statements in which they occur. Strictly speaking it is the tokens that do all the dirty work. The words are just there for the convenience of the human operator. imagine trying to figure out a program listing which only displayed tokens.

5640 to 5711: ROUTINE POINTER TABLE 1

5712 to 6177: WORD TABLE

6178 to 6297: ROUTINE POINTER TABLE 2

#### NOTES ON PROGRAM WORDS FROM LAST ISSUE :-

When the program is RUN, tokens 205 to 208 and 212 to 214 designate words that display on screen as graphic characters. The program is accurate. The first byte of each word being in inverse form to mark the start of a new word. This is strictly true for words which begin with alphabetical characters, the majority, but not for those few words that consist of nonalphabetical characters. A more accurate wording would be:-

"The first byte of each word being the ASCII character code + 128 to mark the start of a new word." For alphabetical characters, adding 128 to the ASCII code will yield the inverse character code. Most BASIC words begin with an alphabetical character, so most of the the words in the WORD TABLE will begin with an inverse character. However, a few BASIC words consist of a single nonalphabetical character: +, -, \*, /, ^, >, =, <

They too are represented in the WORD TABLE by the ASCII code + 128, but this does not yield the inverse character codes. On the VZ, for those characters with ASCII codes less than 64, the inverse character code is the ASCII code + 192. Still, when the VZ BASIC INTERPRETER comes across one of these words in the WORD TABLE, it subtracts 128 to get the ASCII code.

Add this line to the WORD program to get it to identify the few BASIC words that consist of single, nonalphabetical characters:-

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38 IFP<192ANDP>159THEN PRINT"WORD IS ";CHR$(P-128);
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NOTE :- See next page for printout using the added line 38.

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5712	128:197	78N	68D		
5715	129:198	790	82R		
5718	130:210	69E	83S	69E	84T
5723	131:211	69E	84T		
5726	132:195	76L	83S		
5729	133:129	0	0		
5732	134:129	0	0	0	0
5738	135:206	69E	88X	84T	
5742	136:196	65A	84T	65A	
5746	137:201	78N	80P	85U	84T
5751	138:196	73I	77M		
5754	139:210	69E	65A	68D	
5758	140:204	69E	84T		
5761	141:199	790	84T	790	
5765	142:210	85U	78N		
5768	143:201	70F			
5770	144:210	69E	83S	84T	790 82R 69E
5777	145:199	790	83S	85U	66B
5782	146:210	69E	84T	85U	82R 78N
5788	147:210	69E	77M		
5791	148:211	84T	790	80P	
5795	149:197	76L	83S	69E	
5799	150:195	790	80P	89Y	
5803	151:195	790	76L	790	82R
5808	152:214	69E	82R	73I	70F 89Y
5814	153:129	0	0	0	0
5820	154:129	0	0	0	0
5826	155:129	0	0	0	0
5832	156:195	82R	85U	78N	
5836	157:205	790	68D	69E	
5840	158:211	790	85U	78N	68D
5845	159:129	0	0	0	0
5851	160:207	85U	84T		
5854	161:129	0			
5856	162:129	0	0	0	
5860	163:129	0	0	0	0
5865	164:129	0	0		
5868	165:129	0	0		
5871	166:129	0	0	0	0
5876	167:129	0	0	0	
5880	168:129	0	0	0	0
5885	169:129	0	0	0	
5889	170:129	0	0	0	
5893	171:129	0	0	0	
5897	172:129	0	0	0	
5901	173:129	0	0	0	
5905	174:129	0	0	0	0
5911	175:204	80P	82R	73I	78N 84T
5917	176:129	0	0		
5920	177:208	790	75K	69E	
5924	178:208	82R	73I	78N	84T
5929	179:195	790	78N	84T	
5933	180:204	73I	83S	84T	
5937	181:204	76L	73I	83S	84T
5942	182:129	0	0	0	0
5948	183:129	0	0	0	
5952	184:195	76L	69E	65A	82R
5957	185:195	76L	790	65A	68D
5962	186:195	83S	65A	86V	69E
5967	187:206	69E	87W		
5970	188:212	65A	66B	40	
5974	189:212	790			
5976	128:129	0			
5978	129:213	83S	73I	78N	71G
5983	130:129	0	0	0	0
5989	131:213	83S	82R		
5992	132:129	0	0		
5995	133:129	0	0		
5998	134:129	0	0	0	0
6005	135:129	0	0	0	0
6010	136:208	790	73I	78N	84T
6015	137:129	0	0	0	0
6020	138:129	0	0		
6023	139:201	78N	75K	69E	89Y 36\$
6029	140:212	72H	69E	78N	
6033	141:206	790	84T		
6036	142:211	84T	69E	80P	
6040	143:171	WORD	IS	+	
6041	144:173	WORD	IS	-	
6042	145:170	WORD	IS	*	
6043	146:175	WORD	IS	/	
6044	147:222				
6045	148:193	78N	68D		
6048	149:207	82R			
6050	150:190	WORD	IS	>	
6051	151:189	WORD	IS	=	
6052	152:188	WORD	IS	<	
6053	153:211	71G	78N		
6056	154:201	78N	84T		
6059	155:193	66B	83S		
6062	156:129	0	0		
6065	157:201	78N	80P		
6068	158:129	0	0		
6071	159:211	81Q	82R		
6074	160:210	78N	68D		
6077	161:204	790	71G		
6080	162:197	88X	80P		
6083	163:195	790	83S		
6086	164:211	73I	78N		
6089	165:212	65A	78N		
6092	166:193	84T	78N		
6095	167:208	69E	69E	75K	
6099	168:129	0	0		
6102	169:129	0	0		
6105	170:129	0	0		
6108	171:129	0	0		
6111	172:129	0	0		
6114	173:129	0	0		
6117	174:129	0	0	0	
6121	175:129	0	0	0	
6125	176:129	0	0	0	
6129	177:129	0	0	0	
6133	178:129	0	0	0	
6137	179:129	0	0	0	
6141	180:129	0	0		
6144	181:204	69E	78N		
6147	182:211	84T	82R	36\$	
6151	183:214	65A	76L		
6154	184:193	83S	67C		
6157	185:195	72H	82R	36\$	
6161	186:204	69E	70F	84T	36\$
6166	187:210	73I	71G	72H	84T 36\$
6172	188:205	73I	68D	36\$	

D.S.E. GAME - GALAXON - CAT #X-7352

Well D.S.E. have done it again, another excellent VZ game. I wonder how long they have been sitting on this beauty ?

Anyway, let me tell you about Galaxon :-

You must fire at a pack of aliens above you, while trying not to be hit by the diving aliens yourself.

These aliens dive on you from the pack and try to crash into you. To make matters even worse, these diving aliens drop bombs that will surely kill you if you don't avoid them.

In the attacking pack there are three different types of alien and each type is worth a different score.

Also there are more points awarded for hitting the aliens while they are diving rather than hitting them while they are just sitting still in the pack.

If after all this, you manage to avoid the aliens, they reform in the pack at the top of the screen. You get three lives and also get an extra life for every 10,000 points you score.

You would really have to see and play this game to really appreciate how good it really is. It's not an easy game to play, and who would want it to be.

I liked this game from the moment it started loading. First you get a Galaxon title page, followed by an instruction page, which you have a chance to read while the game is loading.

Key control is excellent, as is the joystick option. One thing I felt was a good idea, was using the (J) or (K) key option to start each new game instead of the (S) key. That way if you get sick of using your joysticks and feel like a change, you don't have to switch off and reload to use the keys. (REMEMBER Don't plug in or unplug your joysticks without first TURNING off your VZ, you will do damage to your system if you do).

Galaxon is like a vz invaders game when you first get started, but are you in for a surprise when these aliens really start moving.

The game is fast moving and excellent use is made of the VZ's graphics and sound effects.

I had trouble turning off my computer once I had started playing this game, and when this happens you know you've got a winner. The programmer "Stephen Clarke" should write and market his own software, if this game is anything to go by.

Anyway, "Galaxon" must follow as a very close second, when it comes to super VZ programs, just behind "Dawn Patrol". D.S.E. haven't had many programs as good as this one, which is a shame, because we users know what the VZ is capable of. Don't we !!

By Peter J. Hill (Auckland N.Z.)

Now that You have made Your AEM4505 SPEECH SYNTHESIZER, let's add what could be best described as a TONE control. Before continuing with the construction changes, a word of WARNING.

The two Tone controls should be left in their central positions and only moved minimum amounts to suit ones' own taste. Move the controls TOO far and the Speech Synth will go into Oscillation, if the RESET button doesn't regain control then powering down of the Speech Synth (only) will be necessary.

YOU have been WARNED.

#### Construction Notes :-

1> Using a small piece of Vero-board, construct the circuit diagram as shown. I suggest that sockets be installed under the two Ic's. Although the diagram looks involved, there are very few wires to connect to the Main 4505 P.C.B. These being :-

GND - 0 Volts

+ 5 Volts

1 wire from the output of the 74LS00 gate to the SPO chip plus

2 wires to the PITCH control and

3 wires to the RANGE control from the small board to the pots.

2> Remove capacitors C4 and C5.

3> Remove X-TAL2 , it's next to the SPO chip.

#### Reconnecting Notes :-

4> Solder the GND (0 V) wire to the 4505 P.C.B. followed by the +5 Volt wire.

5> Next - solder the wire marked TP on the diagram below into the hole nearest the SPO chip left vacant by the X-TAL. This hole is connected on the P.C.Board to pin 27 of the SPO chip.

6> Connect the remaining wires to their respective control pots.

7> On the BACK of each Control Pot, assuming they are metal, scratch the surface until you have a clean surface. Tin each of these bare spots. From the GND terminal of either the VOL or RANGE pot, run a wire to the back of each pot and solder to the 'Tinned Bare Spots'. This will stop (hopefully) the pots acting as antennas when you touch them - honest.

8> Reconnect any other wires that may have been disconnected when you started on the job.

9> Set the two new pots to their central positions.

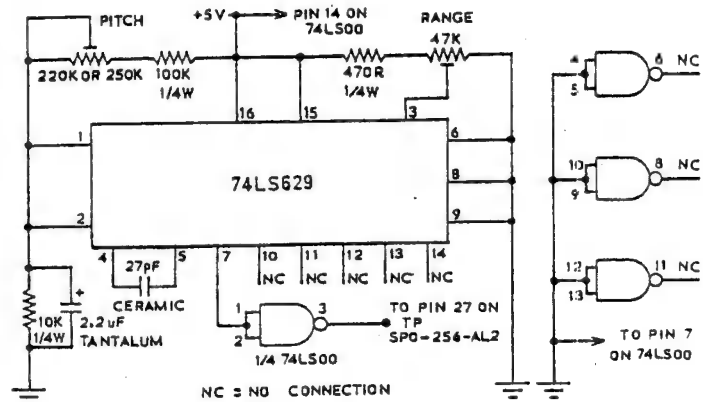
O.K. Connect the Speech Synth back onto the VZ and turn on. Everything alright ? Did you get the familiar ' OK ' from the Speech Synth ? If not then turn off and check everything from the start.

Load in and RUN "TALK A" and check that the two controls are working.

NOTE :- Circuit Diagram and Parts List on next page . . .

Parts List for the Tone Control for AEM 4505 Speech Synth. -  
Dick Smith catalogue numbers given where possible.

- 1 - 74LS629 - ALTRONICS Z 8429
- 1 - 74LS00 - DSE Z-4900
- 1 - 470R resistor - DSE R-0566
- 1 - 10K resistor - DSE R-0578
- 1 - 100K resistor - DSE R-0624
- 1 - 27pF ceramic capacitor - DSE R-2245
- See note below.
- 1 - 2u2 35 volt Tantalum capacitor - DSE R-4730
- 1 - 47K or 50K potentiometer - DSE R-1009
- 1 - 220K potentiometer. Yes Virginia, they do exist.
- 1 - 14 PIN DIP socket - DSE P-4140
- 1 - 16 PIN DIP socket - DSE P-4160



Note on 27pf cap.:— The value of this cap. may have to be varied from anywhere between 18pf and 33pf. A trimmer cap. from D.Smiths can also be used in place of the fixed value cap. D.S. No# - R2930. It is possible to mount the small board on the back of one of the control pots, this will save using long wires to that pot, PLUS, it saves having to find a mounting place for the small board.

I have made this modification to both my original Speech Synth and my (home made version of the) AEM4505, in either case, the mod works quite well.

Cost - \$12 to \$15 - Happy Hackin'. Dave Boyce June '87

Routine to make the unit Talk.

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100 A$="HELLO-THERE"  
110 REM WHERE A$ is to be output to the Speech Synthesiser  
120 GOSUB 15020 :REM OR GOTO
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This is the sub-routine to be used :-

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15010 REM - IN USE -> A$, A and T
15020 FOR T=1 TO LEN(A$)
15030 A=ASC(MID$(A$,T,1))
15040 OUT12,A :REM OUT13,0 MAY BE NECESSARY AS WELL
15050 NEXT
15060 LPRINT:LPRINT:REM THESE MUST BE HERE
15070 RETURN :REM OR GOTO 0000 - CONTINUE ON

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Make A\$ equal to any String to be output to the Speech Synth.  
USE HYPHENS between words, this helps the Speech flow evenly.  
2 Hyphens (or more) will slow the Speech down.  
Commas have a pausing effect as well.  
A (.) Period will make the Speech Pause between words (long  
pause). 2 Periods (...) will pause even longer.

EXAMPLES :-

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EXAMPLES :-  
10 A$ = "DOGGY.WFFWFF-WFF-WFFWFF-RFF"  
20 A$= "STEAM-TRAIN.SHSHSHSHSS,TOOT-TOOT,SHSHSH"  
30 A$= "WHISPERING.SHSH.SH..SH-SH-SH-SHSHSH-SH-SHSHSH"  
40 A$= "MACHINE-GUN.GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG":REM (28C's)
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**DOT MATRIX PRINTERS**

by Larry Taylor

The VZ is a versatile, little computer, especially if teamed with a peripheral device. When that device is an EPSON type dot matrix printer, its capabilities can greatly enhance the VZ's versatility.

Dot matrix printers form their characters from a series of dots. This type of printer falls into one of two categories either impact or non-impact. There are three main types of non-impact printers, thermal, electrostatic and ink jet. Thermal print heads contain a set of fixed pins, which are heated rapidly to produce a dot on specially treated, heat sensitive paper. Electrostatic print heads, also consist of fixed pins, which produce a tiny electrical discharge between the pins and an aluminium coated paper, forming the dot. Ink jet print heads are comprised of a vertical line of pin holes, through which a fine jet of ink is squirted onto the paper to create each dot.

Currently, impact type printers are the most common. The print head in an impact type printer usually consists of a line of pins arranged vertically. These pins strike against an inked ribbon to leave an impression on the paper. Each pin can be fired independantly. By firing all or some of these pins, a column of dots can be formed. The matrix used for most upper case (capital) letters is 5 dots wide and 7 dots high. To produce a character, the pins are fired forming a column of dots. The print head then moves one dot position and the pins fire again. This happens three more times to produce an upper case letter 5 dots wide.

Unfortunately, while the principle of their operation is similar, dot matrix printers differ in other ways. Software codes that are sent from the computer to the printer determine which pins will be fired. Not all printers will react to those codes in the same way. There are basically three families, EPSON, TANDY and APPLE, each conforming to a different standard. Both the EPSON and APPLE types address 8 pin print heads, whilst the TANDY types possess only 7 pins. Each pin is given a weighted value. In the case of EPSON types, the topmost pin has a value of 128, whilst the bottom pin has the value 1. These values are reversed for APPLE and TANDY printers. The bottom pin on a TANDY type is the seventh one and it has the value 64. TANDY type printers will only accept codes in the range from 1 to 127. The GP-100 belongs to the TANDY family and the VZ's ROM is set up to work with this type of printer. Since the codes used aren't compatible with EPSON type printers, a software patch is needed. The value of such a patch can be determined by looking at the relative merits of the two types of printers.

The GP-100 has tractor feed only, which requires the use of paper with sprocket holes. It has a print speed of 30 characters per second (30 cps) and is capable of unidirectional (left to right) printing only. This printer has both character and graphics modes. In character mode it possesses just the one typeface, which has no true descenders. That is, the tails on the lower case letters g, j, p, q and y do not descend below the line as they normally would. The only typestyle change, that can be made to the existing typeface, is that each character can be printed in double width (expanded) form.

On the other hand, software such as the VZ-EPSON Printer Patch, WORDPRO and QUICKWRITE, allows the VZ to make the most of the facilities provided by EPSON type printers. All allow EPSON codes to be sent directly to the printer.

Consequently, instead of being limited to the GP-100's meagre repertoire, a whole range of printers, with a host of enhanced features, is on offer. Most provide tractor and friction paper feeds, though a few require that the tractor feed be bought separately. In some cases, it may be possible to purchase a cut paper feeder, which can be useful, when printing multiple copies of correspondence on single sheets. Logic seeking (where the head looks to move the shortest distance possible) and bidirectional printing (the head prints on both left to right and right to left passes), means speeds can range from a minimum of 80 cps to 200 cps and more. These speeds are, of course, optimum values.

Though most printers possess only two typefaces (character sets), pica and italic, which are stored in an internal ROM, they compensate for this by offering a variety of typestyles. Different typestyles are formed by slightly modifying each character as it is printed. These include elite, condensed and double width. A few printers also offer double height and reverse print. In addition, there are features such as subscript (below the line) and superscript (above the line), emphasized and double strike. Proportional spacing is also available, which adjusts the distance between letters, according to their width. Some printers may have a high density (near letter quality) facility as well. With this the print head makes a second pass along each line, filling in the gaps between the dots, which form each character. Although slower, it results in better formed characters.

The ability to control line feeds to within 1/216 of an inch is desirable when compared to the GP-100's 1/6 of an inch. This is particularly useful to anyone, who has struggled to get mailing labels to line up on the printer. Some even allow the paper to be fed in reverse as well as forward. (This entire article was written using WORDPRO and printed in a single pass. The two column format was achieved by altering margin settings and using the printer's reverse feed.) The standard features all have recognized EPSON codes, whereas other features and their codes may vary from one printer to the next. The following table displays the codes, in decimal form, along with the resulting print type.

Standard Epson Codes

[27,80]	Normal Pica Print
[27,112,1]	Proportional Print
[27,77]	Elite Print
[27,52]	Italic Print
[14]	Double Width
[15]	Condensed Print
[27,69]	Emphasized Print
[27,71]	Double Strike Print
[27,45,1]	Underlined Print
[27,83,0]	Superscript Print
[27,83,1]	Subscript Print

Non-Standard Codes

[27,97,1]	High Density Print
[27,126,50,1]	<b>REVERSED PRINT</b>
[27,104]	<b>DOUBLE HEIGHT</b>

Whilst there is considerable standardization of EPSON print codes, there seems to be very little when it comes to the format used to present them. When examining printer manuals, the presentation of these codes can appear quite confusing. Some examples are given below. Each is supposed to show which codes are needed to switch on Emphasized Print. As shown in the table, this simply involves sending the two values 27 and 69 to the printer.

Printer Manual 1 ESC+E [(45, C5)H, [69,197] D]

Printer Manual 2 ESC E

Printer Manual 3 <ESC> 69 45 .

Printer Manual 4 <ESC> E

Printer Manual 5 [18]H [45]H or [27]<sub>10</sub> [69]<sub>10</sub>

If you're confused by the above, don't feel bad, I found it just as difficult to understand? Basically the codes are presented in three ways, ASCII, Decimal (Base 10) and Hexadecimal (Base 16). ESC stands for Escape and represents the Decimal value 27. In Hexadecimal form the value 27 is equal to 1B. If a number has no identifying character or is followed by either a D or 10, then it is considered to be a decimal number. If it is followed by an H or 16, then it is considered to be Hexadecimal. So the three ways of representing the code required to switch an EPSON printer to Emphasized mode are summarised below.

ASCII	ESC	E
Decimal	27	69
Hexadecimal	1B	45

In VZ BASIC it would be accomplished by:

```
LPRINT CHR$(27);"E";
or LPRINT CHR$(27);CHR$(69);
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Word processing software such as QUICKWRITE and WORDPRO allow print codes to be embedded in the text. Since these programs bypass the VZ's printer driver, any code value used will be sent directly to the printer. The following examples, illustrate how each of these programs enable a change of typeface at the beginning of a line.

QUICKWRITE embeds codes at the start of a line of text. The code must be preceded by a carriage return <CR>.

eg. <CR>[27][52]This is a word processing program.

WORDPRO uses printer control lines which are preceded by a print flag <PF> and end in a carriage return <CR>.

eg. <PF>N=27,52<CR>

This is a word processing program.

The result, when printed from either program is as follows:

*This is a word processing program.*

Although the manual says otherwise, WORDPRO is able to change typefaces in the middle of a line. The procedure is a little more complicated and involves turning the line feed command on and off. My thanks to John Chapman for supplying the method used.

```
eg. <PF>F=N<CR>           (set line feed off)
    This is a<CR>
    <PF>N=27,52<CR>        (switch italics on)
                                word processing<CR>
    <PF>N=27,53 F=Y<CR>    (italics off, line feed on)
                                program.
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The result, when printed is as follows:

*This is a word processing program.*

I've been informed that a recently updated version of QUICKWRITE will also be able to do this.

Whilst both of these approaches are satisfactory, they require the user to be familiar with all of the different print codes. Some word processing packages allow a label to be assigned to each print code, when the program is first set up. These can then be inserted in the text as required without the user having to know the code.

One problem often experienced, when attempting to use the VZ with an EPSON type printer, is that EPSON codes often alternate the values 1 and 0, for switching on and off a particular feature. For instance, the code used to enable and disable underlining [27,45,n] is identical, except for the last value n. Using the value n=1 selects underlining, whilst the value n=0 turns it off. The current VZ printer routine will not allow the value 0 through to the printer. Therefore, switching on underlining will work, but switching it off will not, and the same applies to similarly structured codes. Also affected, is any print code value greater than 127, which will be interpreted by the VZ's ROM routine as being either a graphics or inverse character. Since TANDY type printers do not store any characters in this range, the value will be intercepted by the VZ's ROM and replaced by a stream of graphics data. Whilst this data will enable a printer such as the 6P-100, to print the character, it will not be compatible with an EPSON printer.

These difficulties can be overcome by using a printer patch or by sending the value directly out the printer ports (ODH and OEH). Print codes sent to the printer in this way, will be acted on without interference. It should be noted, however, that any characters printed by an EPSON printer, corresponding to codes in the range from 95 to 255, will not be the same as those displayed on the VZ's screen.

A number of printers come equipped with a RAM buffer. Instead of the computer being tied up waiting for the printer, the buffer acts as a storage area for data to be printed and so frees the computer sooner. A second use, is as an area for downloadable characters. These are shapes, which the user may design or which are modifications of the existing character set. By storing these shapes in the buffer, the printer can print them, as if they were part of the normal set.

In bit-image (graphics) mode, print resolutions ranging from 480 to 1920 dots per line are possible. This mode allows the printing of shapes not held in the printer's ROM and is used when doing a dump of a HIRES screen. It should be noted that the VZ's screen is only 128 pixels wide. The printer is capable of 15 times this resolution, allowing it to depict much finer detail than is possible on screen.

In the world of printers, the primary standard has been set by EPSON. There can be no doubt of this, since the majority of printer and computer manufacturers produce equipment, which conforms to it. IBM's adoption of the standard is further confirmation. Even the TANDY printers, offer, in their latest models, an IBM-EPSON compatible mode. Your VZ may not be able to compete in the real world, but your printer can. Selecting an EPSON type printer to partner your VZ, means stepping into the mainstream of the computing world. When you finally outgrow your VZ, you will still have a useful peripheral that's able to communicate with almost any computer you happen to choose.

## EXTENDED DOS VERSION 1.0 (C) COMMANDS :-

MERGE - MERGES basic file from disk with program in memory.  
 DIRA - See example - T:MENU B:PATCH3.1 B:WORDPROC  
                                   B:EXTDOS E B:EXTDOS R W:DOS-INST  
 LDIRA - As above, but to screen and printer.  
 DIRB - See example - T:MENU 01 00 7AE9 801B 0532  
                                   B:PATCH3.1 01 0B 7200 771F 051F  
 LDIRB - As above, but to screen and printer.  
 STATUSA - Prints free disk space to screen on one line.  
 LSTATUSA - As above, but to screen and printer, see below.  
                   534 RECORDS FREE 63.500K FREE  
 OLD - Restores a program after using the NEW command.  
 OLD. - Prints START, END and LENGHT of program in memory in HEX.  
 DEC XXXXX - Converts DECIMAL to HEX  
 HEX XXXX - Converts HEX to DECIMAL  
 STATUSA and LSTATUSA also works with Version 1.0 DOS.

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